GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6930
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SC/ST JUDGES
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of judges belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribesworking in the High Courts of the States and the year in which they assumed the charge of their offices during the last three years; and

(b) the total strength of judges in High Courts of the States, Court-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) Appointments of Judges of the High Courts are made under article 217 of the Constitutionof India which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. No statistics is, therefore, maintained for the number of Judges belonging to SC/ST in the High Courts.TheGovernment have, however, addressed letters to the Chief Ministers of the States and theChief Justices of the High Courts, from time to time, requesting them to locate personsfrom the Bar belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes, Minorities and Women who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges.

(b) A statement is enclosed.